

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/EP2004/007631

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 3 940 522 A (WESSELLS JOHN HUMPHREY) 24 February 1976 (1976-02-24)	1,3,5, 7-9,13, 14, 16-22, 24,26, 28-31, 36-38, 40,42-46
Y	column 1, line 21 - column 4, line 44 column 8, lines 10-29 figures 2,5	2,10-12, 15,23, 32-35,39
Y	----- US 5 811 040 A (MALLONEE WILLIAM C) 22 September 1998 (1998-09-22) column 1, line 58 - column 2, line 2 figures 2,3 ----- -/--	2,15,23, 39



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 41
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 3 of first sheet)

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see additional sheet

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1-40, 42-46

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Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 41

In view of the wording of claim 41 presently on file, which relies on a reference to the drawings and thus does not define clearly the technical features of the invention, the present invention fails to comply with the clarity and conciseness requirements of Article 6 PCT (see also Rule 6.2 (a) PCT) to such an extent that a meaningful search is not possible for this claim .

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-40,42-46

Artificial turf filament with a cross section that includes a central area and two wing areas being arranged in a diverging orientation on opposite sides of said central area.

2. claims: 47-66

Bundle of a plurality of artificial turf filaments held together by one or more wrapping filaments wrapped around said turf filaments.

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